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IN RE APPLICATION OF: TOMOMI OSHIBA ET AL.

FOR: TONER AND DEVELOPER FOR DEVELOPING  
ELECTROSTATIC IMAGE AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: